

**NOMINATION OF**  
**MR. JEFFREY G. LANTZ**  
**FOR THE POST OF SECRETARY-GENERAL OF**  
**THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO)**



The United States nominates Mr. Jeffrey G. Lantz for the post of Secretary- General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which will become vacant as of 1 January 2012.

The United States offers the candidacy of Mr. Lantz in the strong belief that he is the best qualified candidate to continue excellence in leadership and improve the internal management of the organization. He brings to the position his long-standing maritime experience that spans over 34 years as a military officer and as a government civil servant, including more than a decade of service as the Head of numerous United States delegations to IMO. Throughout his career, he has consistently demonstrated the ability to lead, manage, and administer organizations efficiently and effectively, as well as successfully implement change by leveraging coalitions and achieving consensus. He has a proven record of skillfully managing budgetary development and execution, while ensuring the optimal use of resources and infrastructure to improve performance, morale, and working conditions.

As the Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards for the United States Coast Guard, he is a leader who has built trust, loyalty, and performance in all the staff members and professional colleagues who work with him in the U.S. government, and with peers worldwide. Through his work and contributions at IMO, he has established, developed, and nurtured partnerships with

U.S. industry groups, as well as international maritime industry groups. For the past five years he has served as the Head of the United States delegations to the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee, working tirelessly with all Members States to enhance maritime safety and protection of the marine environment. He has also represented the United States at the IMO Council for the past five years, actively advocating the development of a pragmatic IMO budget that reflects today's financial climate and proactively encouraging workload prioritization consistent with the strategic and high level action plans. His exemplary track record at IMO led to his election as the chairman of the Council for the 2010-2011 biennium.

The IMO plays a vital role in advancing international shipping standards. As a country with a long standing history as a major port state, flag state, coastal state, and trading nation, the U.S. has an important and active role to play at the IMO. Ever since the U.S. signed the IMO Convention in 1950, the United States has shared the commitment of the Organization and its Member States to achieve safe, secure, and efficient shipping on clean oceans.

The U.S. has over 6,000 registered vessels under its flag and some of the world's busiest ports. It ranks second in the world in terms of overall port calls with approximately 80,000 port calls annually. Furthermore, the U.S. maintains a quality flag and port state inspection program with close to 600 marine inspectors augmented with cooperation from designated classification societies. In addition to U.S. flag and port state responsibilities, the U.S. ranks among the top five ship-owning countries in the world in terms of gross tonnage. As a nation with 95,000 miles of coastline, maintaining clean waters and protecting the environment is a national priority that coincides with the platform of the IMO and its members.

With a vast technical program that involves the examination of vessels from over 67 countries, port calls of U.S. vessels to numerous countries, and a vital interest in maintaining environmentally sound regulations, it is very clear that promoting development and compliance with internationally accepted standards in the maritime industry is also in the best interest of the United States. The nomination of Mr. Lantz, Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards for the United States Coast Guard, demonstrates the strong commitment of the United States to remain an active member of IMO, and its full support for the Organization's aims and objectives.

The accompanying Curriculum Vitae (CV) outlines Mr. Lantz's strong credentials and background in support of his candidacy for IMO Secretary-General. If elected, Mr. Lantz is committed to providing strong positive leadership on behalf of the Organization. He will work closely with Member States and industry organizations to ensure that the IMO continues to be the premier international maritime body.